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Residents report more UFOs

International group to study mysterious local sightings

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Haverhill area residents continue to report unidentified flying objects allegedly shooting down balls of light.

Salvatore Amari, 78 Washington St., reported such a sighting at 10:50 p.m. Sunday.

"It was over Boxford way, " Amari said. "I went out to bring in the lawn chairs and my mother was out there with me and we both saw a bright object in the sky, high in the sky, over Boxford. This was big, bigger than any star, or even the moon, much bigger. It shot out a smaller object and then it just vanished; the whole thing."

Amari reported he recorded the time as between 10:50 and 10:55 p.m. "That's all the time it took, Just about five minutes and it was gone. We looked for awhile but there was nothing else."

A Kenoza Avenue woman, who asked that she not be identified, reported she saw a similar object in the southeast sky around 11 p.m. Sunday.

"I remember the 11 o'clock news had just come on the television, so it was 11 o'clock. I was on my porch on the second floor and I saw this large bright object come out from the tower of the house next door.

"It was high up; way up in the sky," the woman said. "I wouldn't say it was a ball of fire. It was lighted, but not on fire, and it seemed to get brighter just before it shot out these other, smaller bright objects. It seemed to energize itself just like it had too much energy and had to get rid of it, and then it would shoot out this smaller object. They weren't balls of fire, just lighted objects, one red, the others just the same light as the big object."

The woman said the large lighted object gave off four smaller ones while she watched and the fourth one broke up into three parts.

'I don't want to use my name," she said. "People will think I'm a nut, but I really saw this. I never saw anything in the sky I couldn't explain before, but this was really something."

She said the bright UFO ,"moved away slowly. It just went away and it was gone. It didn't fly away fast. It just moved slowly out of sight behind the trees and building and it was gone," she said.

Written reports of UFOs over Haverhill have come in to the Gazette newsroom since the newspaper began reporting sightings of the phenomena early last week. One such report said,"Saw my first UFO high in the N.W. sky, Aug. 2, 9:25 p.m. A brilliant orange ball, about the size of a quarter. It was going east and about every five or six seconds it dropped a brilliant orange ball which descended a short way and then faded out."

Another report said,"Did anyone else see what I saw Thursday night? It was a large lighted thing in the sky over Bradford and it shot out red, blue and green balls of fire over there. They sort of burned out like the pieces left by a skyrocket; like it was leaving a cinder, but you couldn't see a cinder. It was way up in the sky. This wasn't anything that was down here close to the earth. It was in the sky, up there with the stars."

The Mutual UFO Network, an international group with headquarters in Seguin, Texas, is studying the rash of UFO sightings in Haverhill.

Marge Christensen, a Beverly school teacher who is the national director of publicity for the network, said the local sightings will be carefully studied by members of the organization. She said the reports are the first case of multiple sightings of unexplained objects in the sky in several years.